

pray for ★ columbus

December 2021 Prayer Guide

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- Over 1,400 **connections have been made between churches and individuals who are searching online for help** with anxiety, depression, prayer and marital struggles. One church has reported that $\frac{1}{3}$ of its members came from this new outreach alone! Click [here](#) for a testimony!
 - We have been praying for the foster care community in our city. Click [here](#) to read some beautiful and **encouraging testimonies** from these families!
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SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- Pray for **orphans and foster care children to know they are loved by God.**
 - Pray that they would experience a feeling of belonging to a foster/adoptive family, church or group of friends in their community.
 - Pray for God to lead and heal them as they work through the hurt they have experienced in their past and present.
- Pray for **foster care and adoptive parents to have strength and endurance.**
 - Pray that their communities would encourage and support them.
 - Pray for peace and understanding in every relationship - with foster children and their biological families, with foster families' biological children, with social workers and with their community.
- Please **pray for abundant financial provision** for the work of reaching the city of Columbus. Pray for generosity among Christ-followers in our city.
- Pray for a **movement of the Holy Spirit** in our city that empowers true disciple-making and a hunger and a thirst for God's Word.
- Pray **against division and for a spirit of unity** between congregations, nonprofits, civic leaders and marketplace leaders in Columbus.
- **Ask God for a compelling vision for the flourishing peace of Columbus** that inspires leaders across our city. Ask God to help leaders listen to one another and gain understanding for moving forward.

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December 2021 Personal Prayer Guide

PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- Take a moment to **meditate on the love of the Father** for you personally, but also for those around you. Like the apostle John, speak out loud: *“I am the one Jesus loves.”*
 - **Praise God for the precious and indescribably generous gift of His Son.** (pray through: *1 John 4:7-12, 1 John 3:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:15, Romans 5:8*)
 - Praise God for the **abundance of meals and provisions given to those in need** by congregations and nonprofits in this season.
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CONFESSION and INTERCESSION

- **Ask Jesus to search your heart** and reveal anything in you that is out of alignment with His will. **Yield to the Holy Spirit’s prompting** if confession or forgiveness is needed. (see *Psalms 139:23-24, 1 John 4:9-11*)
 - **Bless your family, neighborhood and all of Columbus with an awakening to the love of the Father this Christmas season.** Pray especially for those who may be hurting this December such as **widows, orphans, foster care children, single parents and those who have lost loved ones.**
 - Pray for a **dramatic increase in adoptions and foster families** in our city.
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PRAY ALOUD

Father God, we stand in awe of You. When we look to the heavens, may we be reminded of how great Your love is for us. The words “thank You” barely suffice to express our gratitude to You for sending Your Son to die as an atonement for our sins. May our friends, family and all of Columbus awaken to Your indescribable, steadfast, never-stopping, never-failing love. May those who follow You demonstrate this lavish, sacrificial love to those who are oppressed. Send Your Holy Spirit to move on hearts and lives to love as You have loved us. May the weak and marginalized encounter Your love this December in a personal way. In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.